YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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THIS PRIVILEGED HOUR...
by Father King

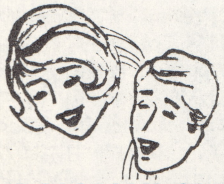
PARISH COUNCIL INVITES PARTICIPATION

The Parish Council meeting this Monday evening will have as a main feature of its agenda an opportunity for parishioners to join with parish council members and team personnel to discuss together what the needs of the parish are and how they can best be met next year. Both team members and Parish Council members are anxious for members of the parish to join in and share their feelings and ideas about what the commissions should be striving for in the next year.

As you will recall, much thought was given to this last summer at the team workshop at Gallagher Lake. Parishioners were invited to join us there, also, and work with us. Many of the good things that are happening this year are the result of this sharing. Now is the time for us to evaluate the losses and gains, frustrations and successes, and measure them in the light of what was anticipated, and use the experience to direct our programs for next year.

Budgets are to be prepared, personnel must make decisions about the future, and all of this depends very much on a realistic understanding of what the needs are for the parish and its people.

We are most anxious that you attend and share with us your ideas and expectations. The meeting will take place in the parish center library at 8:00 p.m. Please come.



LITURGICALLY SPEAKING YOUR COMMENTS

by Sister Mary O'Connell

Comment: "I think hymns should be the type that are easy for a congregation to sing. Then have the parishioners get to know them instead of changing all the time."

Comment: "Each week at least one hymn we can all sing - one we know and is singable (?)"

Comment: "Have some repetitiveness to hymns so that the entire congregation can become familiar with them and join in - folk Mass?

Comment: "Would like to see more modern hymns at all Masses, especially from soc (SMT?) WIS, TEM, and LIN."

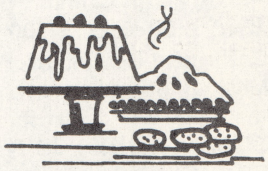
Comment: "We would like more of the Guitar Masses."

Obviously the Liturgy Committee is not intentionally going to choose a song because it is difficult to sing. As was stated in last week's article, the primary aim in choosing a song is to strengthen the theme and message of the Sunday readings. We cannot always tell ahead of time whether or not a new hymn will "catch on" with the congregation. We have had to drop a few songs which, although very delightful, in tune and in message, were not easily learned by a large, mixed congregation. If you observe, when new music is introduced it is generally used at least four if not five Sundays in succession. In the past nineteen months we have added some eleven hymns to our repertoire - not a very significant increase for a congregation which sings each Sunday. Of these, seven are from the folk section, two are the DES psalms and two are hymns previously sung from the HYM section but in need of strengthening. Of the folk songs, chosen principally for their offertory or communion theme and relevance of text, three are sung well by the congregation, one fairly well and two are very poorly participated - and understandably so.

Folk singing, being improvisatory by nature, is often pleasant to listen to but not always easily transferred into printed music. Some five or six additional folk songs have been introduced at the guitar Mass.

In response to "more guitar." Great idea! A combination of organ and guitar would be great. Our present guitar staff can adequately cover one Mass a Sunday. Any assistance in obtaining well-trained, reliable and able guitarists for use at additional times would be a real contribution to the parish's musical offerings.

Next week - Why choir? --- Why not choir?



BAKE SALE
AFTER ALL THE MASSES TODAY

Ladies, did you bring your donations?

Stop downstairs and buy a pastry for your family today.

FEBRUARY
SECOND SUNDAY
PARISH DINNER

held this Sunday, February 11
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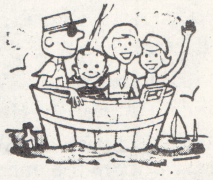


Bring the whole family...

PENANCE SERIES

The second of the Penance Series will be offered this week on Wednesday, February 14, from 7:30 to 9:00 pm in the Parish Center Library. The topic will be, "PENANCE AND SIN - WHAT ARE THEY REALLY?" Father David Harvey will address himself to these concepts. This is an excellent opportunity to avail yourself of current insights in these areas. Also, parents of fourth graders will find aids in understanding the sacrament in order to help their children.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

REMINDER: ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES REOPENED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4th

SUNDAY, February 11

BAKE SALE AFTER ALL THE MASSES TODAY.

9:00 am - Pre School Classes, Parish Center

9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Babysitting, Rm. 5, Parish Center

after 9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Coffee and Doughnuts, Parish Hall

12:30 Mass - Baptism Sunday

12:30 to 4:00 pm - Parish Dinner - COME AND JOIN YOUR FRIENDS.

6:30 to 8:00 pm - Sr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

MONDAY, February 12

4:30 pm - Brownies meet in Parish Center Lunchroom

7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

7:00 to 8:00 - Jr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

8:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting, Parish Center Library

TUESDAY, February 13

12:30 pm - Ypsi State Hospital workers meet on St. John's parking lot.

NO TEEN CENTER ACTIVITIES

7:00 pm - Project Transition Workers meet in Parish Center Lunchroom

7:30 pm - Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9, Parish Center

7:30 pm - Convert Classes, Parish Center Library

7:30 pm - Federation of Women's Clubs meet in Parish Hall. Jeff Wawrzaszek to give a performance on drugs through the medium of magic.

WEDNESDAY, February 14 HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

4:30 to 5:30 pm - Elementary Religious Education Program B

7:00 pm - Adult Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

7:30 pm - Meeting for parents of those making First Confession, Parish Center Library

THURSDAY, February 15

7:00 pm - Teen Center Activities

7:30 pm - Lansing Board of Education meets from 7:30 to 11:00 pm, Parish Center Library

SATURDAY, February 17

10:30 am - Youth Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...St. Anthony's in Belleville is holding a dance sponsored by the Altar Society on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am in the Fr. Folta Building. The Bob Katz Band will be playing all types of music from Waltzes to Polkas, Round Dancing to Square Dancing. Price of the ticket is $3.50 per person or $7.00 per couple. There will be free refreshments, beer, set-ups...BYOB. For tickets or reservations, call Mrs. Greca 697-1952.

...Single Catholic Adults, please come and help cheer up our older citizens at Whitehall for we are having a Valentine's Party, Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00 pm. Meet at St. Francis at 6:30 pm.

...The Coffee and Doughnut Hour held after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses each Sunday are for your benefit. Are you taking advantage of this time to meet new parishioners, to meet with friends, and just generally to relax with your family? Wouldn't it be great if every parishioner could meet someone new each Sunday and thus expand his care and concern for those with whom he worships. This cannot happen unless you make the effort to come. Let's hope we begin to see many more new faces among the crowd soon.

...Jan Burns is looking for a part-time job doing office work. She can type (70 wds. per min.) and has had some experience. If you know of someone needing help, please call Jan at 434-1930.

...St. Mary's Preparatory in Orchard Lake, Michigan is open for registrations of young men of high school age. If you are interested in a tour or more information, call 682-1885 or 963-8075, ext. 17.

...Do you need help in filling out your income tax forms or do you want to learn how to do this simply but competently? If so, Steve Grzadzinski of our parish and accounting major, has offered to help you. Please call 483-1208 for more information so that you can take advantage of this offer.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, February 12, 1973 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Clem Grabowski, req. by Mr. & Mrs. John Motto

TUESDAY, February 13, 1973 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Oliver Pinsoneault, req. by Dorothy Pinsoneault

WEDNESDAY, February 14, 1973 - Ss. Cyril & Methodius

7:00 a.m. - Mrs. Chester Roper, req. by Ruby & Bob Belcher

THURSDAY, February 15, 1973 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. Julia Coughlin, req. by Barbara & George Stadtmiller

FRIDAY, February 16, 1973 - Weekday

7:00 a.m. John P. Hines, req. by The James Baker Family

SATURDAY, February 17, 1973 - Weekday

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Arkison Family, req. by Henry & Ann Arkison

5:00 p.m. Doris McCarthy, First Anniv., req. by James McCarthy Family

SUNDAY, February 18, 1973

7:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

9:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. H. Rohlfs, req. by Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Christian

11:00 a.m. Thomas Taylor, req. by Don Racine

12:30 p.m. Intention of Mrs. Vera Heim on her 80th Birthday req. by Fr. Harvey & The Family

ALTAR BOY SCHEDULE

Week of February 11, 1973

WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 a.m.

SAT. MORNING MASS - 9:00 a.m.

TEAM I - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - Mike Presensky & Tom Weisharr

TEAM II - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Larry Dupuis & Jerry Moses

SATURDAY, February 17, 1973

5:00 p.m. Rob & Jim Eberts

SUNDAY, February 18, 1973

7:00 a.m. Kevin & Mark Courtois

9:00 a.m. Mike Presensky & Greg Gillman

11:00 a.m. Tim O'Hara & Mike Prevost

12:30 p.m. Tom Weisharr & Larry Dupuis

WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

Tim O'Hara & Mike Prevost

Peter Burgard & Jim Sullivan

Tim Motto & John Baxter

FROM THE DESK OF... SISTER ANNE HEATH

A couple of weeks ago at the Family Religious Education Experience we shared in a dialog homily. Our thoughts centered on prayer and its place in our lives. The following seemed to address itself to some of the remarks and questions I heard that afternoon. Maybe you weren't there. No matter. My hope is that these thoughts are as helpful to you as they are to me in maintaining and regaining a balanced perspective on where my God is.

WHERE IS OUR GOD?

"An authentic experience of God is possible for man...We must seek and find God in the joys of human love, in the exhiliration of a sunset, starlight, a heavy snow bending the branches of evergreens in winter, in a fireplace at the end of a perfect day. All reality is a reflection of God, and God dwells, in a deeper mode of existence in all reality. The danger for us is the danger of superficiality. We might look at a beautiful bank of trees and see only lumber. We might look at a page of profound poetry and see only words. The deepest level and the ultimate level of all existence is God himself, because all reality is a participation in his existence and in his beauty...

Most of us seek the experience of the presence and power of God in matters that pertain to ourselves. In our congenital egocentric condition, we are always seeking God's favors for ourselves. We try to manipulate God's will to make our lives more pleasant and our persons more loved. We are always telling God what he can do for us, but to many of us it rarely occurs to ask God what we can do for him. Do we find God silent because we have not yet learned the first of his commandments, to love? Do we cry out for our own candy and cookies when so many of our brothers and sisters are combing through garbage cans to find the food to stay alive? God has a strange way of being silent to selfishness.

Perhaps we have not yet learned to seek first the kingdom of God and have the rest given to us. We have not learned to forget ourselves, and instead of trying to find our place in the kingdom of God we rather condescendingly try to fit God into our plans.

We try to dictate to God the manner of our witness and discipleship, instead of putting ourselves at his disposal. Maybe the experience of God, his power and presence are fatally prevented by our own incorrigible selfishness. Maybe we didn't hear Jesus say that the man who is always seeking his own life will never find it, but that the man who is willing to lose his life will find it.

Somehow I feel sure that the most direct route to religious experience is to ask for the grace to give, to share, to console another, to bandage a hurting wound, to lift a fallen human spirit, to mend a quarrel, to search out a forgotten friend, to dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust, to encourage someone who has lost faith, to let someone who feels helpless do a favor for me, to keep a promise, to bury an old grudge, to reduce my demands on others, to fight for a principle, to express gratitude, to overcome a fear, to appreciate the beauty of nature, to tell someone I love him and then to tell him again.

There is a haunting possibility that I have not heard the voice of God speaking to me in all the circumstances and persons in my life because I have been asking the wrong questions, making the wrong requests. I have been too busy speaking to listen. The Psalmist prays: 'Create in me, O God, a living and listening Heart.' Maybe I should pray for such a heart."

—excerpt from Chapter Five of A REASON TO LIVE! A REASON TO DIE! by John Powell, S.J. available at the Religion Center.

PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA

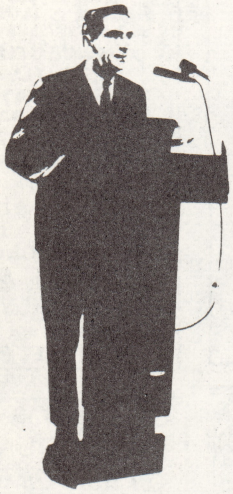
1. Call to order and opening prayer
2. Approval of minutes
3. Commission Reports
   - Administration
   - Education
   - Service
   - Worship
4. Announcements
   - Collection of fees
   - Confirmation on April 8
   - Hall rental
   - Diocesan meeting Feb. 15
   - Attendance of Council members at meetings involving depth understanding
5. New Business
   - Recommendation on Bingo policies
   - Budget deficit - Spring drive
   - Discussion of commission projections
6. Old Business
   - Recommendation on disposition of remaining library books
7. Open Discussion
8. Adjournment

WEDDING BANNS

III Gary Allward & Linda Smith
II Charles Sinkule III and Jacqueline Hewitt
II Tim Fitzharris & Maureen Petricelli
II John Hale & Louise Kubon
I Bruce Platte & Paulette Greer

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE
February 18, 1973

9:00 a.m. Kris Carpenter & Peg Birdsall
11:00 a.m. Connie Barnard & Denise Schenhur



COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 17, 1973
5:00 p.m. Ed Look
SUNDAY, February 18, 1973
7:00 a.m. William Anhut
9:00 a.m. Dave Wheeler
11:00 a.m. John White

LECTOR SCHEDULE

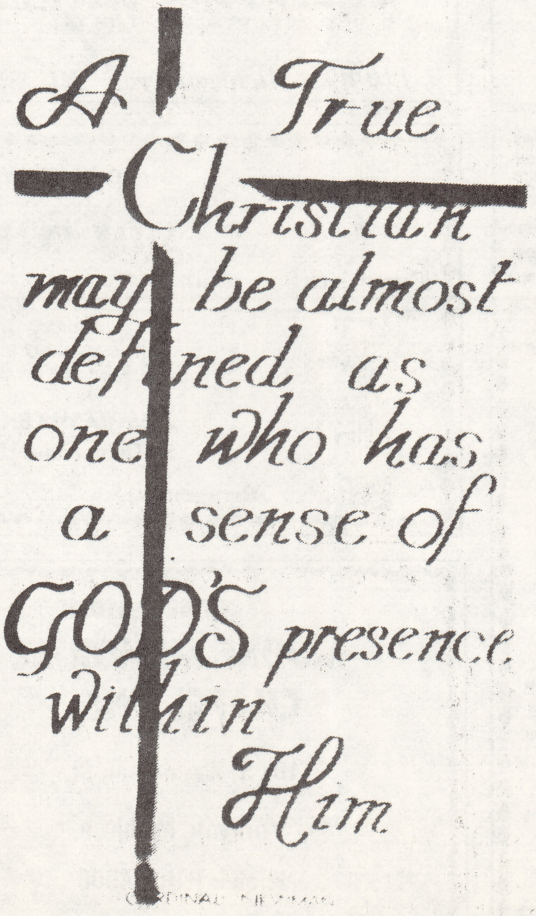
SATURDAY, February 17, 1973
5:00 p.m. Clem Budinger
SUNDAY, February 18, 1973
7:00 a.m. Mary Claire Anhut
9:00 a.m. Mary Wheeler
11:00 a.m. Chris White

FINANCIAL BAROMETER

February 4, 1973
Sunday Offertory $2,440.50

WOMEN'S CLUBS

The Federation of Women's Clubs will be meeting at St. John's Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 13 at 7:30 pm. A special feature of their program will be a performance by Ypsilanti's favorite magician, Jeff Wawrzaszek. We hope to see many of you there.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Richard Ronald White II, son of Richard and Diane Daniels White, was received into St. John's Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism administered by Father David Harvey on Sunday, Febraury 4, 1973 at 1:30 p.m. Richard's godparents were Dennis and Debra McCarthy.

Welcome Richard.

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SUNDAY LITURGY
SATURDAY EVENING — 5:00 p.m.
SUNDAY: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.
HOLYDAY LITURGY
7:00 and 9:00 a.m.; 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
DAILY LITURGY
7:00 a.m. Monday thorugh Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday
BAPTISMS
At 12:30 p.m. Mass on second Sunday of each month.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 and 8:00 p.m. or by appointment.
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